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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Yukinori
MATSUMOTO et al.

Group Art Unit: 2676

Serial Number: 09/994,829

Examiner: Wesner Sajous

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For: **TEXTURE INFORMATION ASSIGNMENT METHOD, OBJECT
EXTRACTION METHOD, THREE-DIMENSIONAL MODEL
GENERATING METHOD, AND APPARATUS THEREOF**

Attorney Docket Number: 990191B
Customer Number: 38834

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

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March 13, 2006

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office acknowledge the claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C 119 for the above-identified application.

It is respectfully submitted that a claim for priority was properly made and that certified copies of the priority documents have been filed in the corresponding prior U.S. patent application U.S. Serial No. 09/254,127, filed on November 1, 1999, as indicated in the enclosed copy of the originally filed Utility Patent Application Transmittal.

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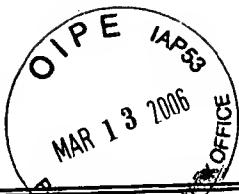
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**UTILITY PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS FOR: Texture Information Assignment
Method, Object Extraction Method, Three-dimensional Model
Generating Method, and Apparatus Thereof

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 - a. Newly executed (original)
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 - i. Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application,
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. Assignment is to Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd.; Osaka, Japan; in the prior Application Serial No. 09/254,127 and
has been recorded at Reel 010700, Frame 0103 on March 24, 2000.
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9. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney



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10. English translation Document (if applicable)

11. Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-Form 1449 Copies of IDS Citations

12. Preliminary Amendment

13. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

14. Small Entity Status is claimed.

15. Claim for Convention Priority Certified copy(ies) of Priority Document(s)

Priority of Japanese application Nos. 8-248739, filed on August 29, 1996 ; 8-248946, filed on August 30, 1996; 8-248958, filed August 30, 1996; 9-214104, filed July 23, 1997; 9-217486 (P), filed August 12, 1997; and 9-21755 (P), filed August 12, 1997 is claimed under 35 USC 119.

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16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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a. Please amend the specification by inserting after the title: —This application is a division of prior application serial No. 09/254,127, filed November 1, 1999, which is a 371 of PCT/JP97/02997 filed August 28, 1997.

b. Cancel in this application original claims 1-42 and 82-94.

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The filing fee is calculated below				\$740.00
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VERIFICATION OF TRANSLATION

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